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DAN RATHER: Phil Jones, our Capitol Hill correspondent, is standing, unfortunately, in the rain with former CIA Director Stansfield Turner.

PHIL JONES: Admiral Turner, when you were head of the CIA, were there a number of intelligence reports that you received constantly about the life of President Sadat?

ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER: Well, Phil, we were always concerned with the life of President Sadat because he created so much controversy. He was so innovative and bold. But we did not have lots of reports of specific plots against him, no.

JONES: There have been reports here this morning that there were reports, even this week, regarding the safety of President Sadat; and that they had become so frequent that many people just put them aside.

ADMIRAL TURNER: Well, I certainly hope the Egyptians didn't put them aside. Because with a man like Sadat, with his courageousness, it just attracts fanatics, it attracts people who do radical things.

JONES: Mr. Turner, a lot of people have thought over the years, "Life in the Middle East after Sadat." You, of course, were probably involved in thinking on that very question when you were at the CIA.

What is life after Sadat, if that is the outcome?

ADMIRAL TURNER: Boy, it was hard, Phil, to think about life after Sadat. We all loved the man so. And he was so, as I